

## Hockey Steering Committee Minutes 11/21/22 6:30 p.m.

Present: Steve Jewell, Christie Jewell, Todd Bolduc, Susie Ramage, Lindsey Bickford, Michelle Johnson, Renee Callahan, Kim Simpson, Alex Netten, Kristin Dubois, Josh Dubois, Ben Gray, K.C. Johnson, Eric Nason and Sarah Schultz-Nielsen.

-Steve called the meeting to order.

-The meeting minutes from the last meeting were presented. Alex made a motion to approve, Susie seconded, and all approved.

-Reports:

Coach's Rep.: Todd reported that things were quiet and settled. Background checks and paperwork were followed through. There is still a need for 8U coaches. Clarification was made for players helping on the ice: 12U can help with 8U, and helpers must be registered with USA Hockey and may not run stations on their own.

Fundraising: 1,152 wreaths were sold. Volunteers needed for 12/2, 3 p.m. onward. Sarah will send out an appeal. Stickers are also in and will be advertised once they are in Steve's hands.

Equipment: Kim had nothing to report. Steve has measured for shelving in the storage locker and he will address with Renee after the holidays.

Registrar: Christie had nothing to report, other than access issues for parents/guardians with Sports Engine she is working on.

Girls' Hockey: Lars reported on the first game against Mt. Ararat. 15 out of the 18 players were available and they won, 8-0. Carly, Ray and Andy worked out the lines. There is a possibility of participation in a tournament. Lars will be sure registration funds are collected and submitted to SAM. Lars volunteered to organize a boys team next year.

Finance: Chelsea was absent but Steve reported on 3 issues that he is working to resolve with Chelsea and Heather Knowles.

MEAHA: Alex reported that they are suggesting transitioning players from Learn to Play/Grow the Game and they have ideas. He shared that their Registrar gave the reminder that coaches must be on the roster. There was also discussion regarding the need for communication by 12/19 regarding participation in MEAHA tournament. They also reported that they have scholarships for the purchase of ipads. Details are needed to qualify, but MEAHA may purchase anyway.

Team Representative: Susie reported that a couple parents still need to complete their paperwork, and there is no rep for 14U.

Scheduler: Kristin shared that 6U/8U parents should exclusively use maineskaters.com for games and practice, and 10U and up should use Sports Engine for game due to mirroring.

She reported that she is working on tournaments for all levels, and we talked about funding and all the options. After some discussion Kristin was directed to look for multiple tournaments for each level.

Chair: Steve brought up the Learn to Play program and coordinator, and reminded the Committee that it is a paid position. We discussed the need for skills assessment at that level. Summer programs will help with development and opportunities should be made for players like summer hockey, age appropriate shinny, and clinics for 6U/8U. Ideally we should post by mid-January.

Steve introduced Ben Gray and there was a discussion about referee issues. MEAHA has offered to do a free, 5-10 course for parents and others wishing to become a referee. Participants must be ages 12 and up.

Secretary: Sarah suggested we begin a uniform replacement program due to condition issues with current uniforms. She and Lindsey will explore with the Skate Shop. She also reported on player and team photos. The vendor is available on a Saturday only in January. Members shared their concerns over timing and Sarah asked for help with identifying a different photographer who could do photos on an evening when practice takes place and before the holidays. Lars volunteered to pursue.

-The Committee went into Executive session at 8:02 p.m.

-Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Schultz-Nielsen